VII.—STATEMENT OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR EXCESS EXPENDITURE IN THE YEAR 1950-51.

* The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I present the Statement of Demands for Grants for Excess Expenditure in 1950–51. The appropriations originally provided for in the Budget Estimates can never be expected to tally entirely with the actuals, and excesses under some grants are inevitable. The explanatory note appended to the Statement gives the reasons for the excesses in each case. The Public Accounts Committee at its meetings held in November and December 1954 examined the reasons for the excesses and recommended that demands for grants to cover the excess expenditure over the final sanctioned appropriation under each grant might be presented to the Legislative Assembly. The recommendation of the Committee for the presentation of demands for grants for excess expenditure in 1950–51 was made only towards the close of the calendar year 1954, and action for moving the demands for excess grants could not be taken till now, owing to pressure of other legislative business."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The programme with reference to the Statement of Demands for Grants for Excess Expenditure has already been circulated to the hon. Members. I hope the House will remember that yesterday His Excellency the Governor delivered an Address to this House. The debate on his Address will take place now."

VIII.—DISCUSSION ON THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS.

* Sri V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Mr. Speaker, I beg to move—

'*That an humble Address be presented to the Governor that the Members of the Madras Legislative Assembly thank him for the Address delivered to the Members of the Legislature on the* 1st *August* 1955.'

" Sir, in moving this motion of thanks for the Address delivered by His Excellency the Governor yesterday, I first of all thank the party in power for allowing me this privilege of initiating this Debate. As per the parliamentary practice and procedure in regard to the motion of thanks for the Governor's Address, I think I am expected to cover paragraph after paragraph in the Address. Following that well-established parliamentary convention set up here and also in the House of Commons in England, I have necessarily to make a reference to the great efforts made by the Prime Minister of India in the cause of peace and goodwill and in raising the stature of our country at this juncture in the counsels of the nations of the World. I am sure there will be none who may possibly dissociate with this sentiment expressed by the Governor. Before passing on to the next point, I only wish to pay my encomiums to the Prime Minister on behalf of the hon. Members of this Assembly.

" The next important point mentioned in the Address is with reference to the Hon. Speaker himself."